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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 8758

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SUBJECT: ECG

1. AT NOVEMBER 8 MEETING, ECG COMPLETED ITS WORK PROGRAM
AND PREPARED INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM (IEP) FOR
LAUNCHING IN NEW INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY (IEA).

2. ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTER MEMBERSHIP:
SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN, AUSTRIA, SPAIN, AND TURKEY FORMALLY
PRESENTED CANDIDACIES FOR CHARTER MEMBERSHIP IN IEA.
GROUP AGREED TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS OF FIRST THREE
SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF QUESTION OF
COMPATABILITY BETWEEN MEMBERSHIP AND THEIR NATIONAL
POLICIES OF NEUTRALITY. GROUP SIMILARLY AGREED CONSIDERED
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APPLICATIONS OF SPAIN AND TURKEY SUBJECT TO THEIR

SATISFACTORILY DEMONSTRATING THEIR ABILITY TO MEET OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERSHIP, I.E. STOCKPILE REQUIREMENT. THIS APPEARS TO BE NO PROBLEM FOR SPAIN,BUT TURKISH STOCK FIGURES ARE STILL UNKNOWN. BOTH THESE ISSUES WILL BE CONSIDERED AT WORKING GROUP SESSION NOVEMBER 12. ECG CHAIRMAN DAVIGNON ALSO REPORTED COMMUNICATION FROM NEW ZEALAND TO EFFECT THAT THERE SOME POSSIBILITY NEW ZEALAND WILL DECIDE ON NOVEMBER 11 TO APPLY FOR CHARTER MEMBERSHIP STATUS.

3. NORWAY: ECG HEADS OF DELEGATION AGREED IN RESTRICTED SESSION THAT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR NORWAY SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED BEFORE ESTABLISHMENT OF IEA ON NOVEMBER 18.

4. VOTING: AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON REFORMULATION OF VOTING SYSTEM TO COVER EXPANDED MEMBERSHIP. NEW FORMULATION RETAINS HIGH DEGREE OF RELIABILITY THAT SYSTEM WILL IN FACT BE ACTIVATED IN TIME OF CRISIS.

5. ESTABLISHMENT OF IEA: FINAL AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON TEXT OF BOTH DRAFT OECD DECISION ESTABLISHING IEA AND DECLARATION TO BE MADE BY AGENCY MEMBERS REGARDING THEIR CONTNUED COOPERATION ON ENERGY MATTERS WITHIN TRADITIONAL OECD FRAMEWORK. OECD COUNCIL WILL MEET TO CONSIDER DRAFT DECISION ON NOVEMBER 15. IEA GOVERNING BOARD WILL MEET AT SENIOR OFFICIAL LEVEL ON NOVEMBER 18 TO SIGN IEP AND BEGIN WORK PROGRAM.FIRESTONE UNQTE MAW

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